
LEP and Hispanic Worker Initiative
Sed de Saber (Thirst for Knowledge)
Texas

GRANTEE: SER – Jobs for Progress National, Inc.

GRANT AMOUNT: \$1,105,914

PEOPLE AND PLACES TO BE SERVED: 2,430 Hispanic / LEP individuals at four sites in Texas, including Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, and Lubbock.

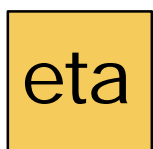
MATCHING RESOURCES: \$552,957

PARTNERS: SER – Jobs for Progress, Foodservice and Hospitality Industry Operators, Retention Education, LLC, SERCO of Texas, LeapFrog Enterprises, Inc., Multi-Cultural Foodservice & Hospitality Alliance, Univision Communications, Inc. and local WIBs and One-Stop Career Centers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The 15-month project will provide a work-based English skills program called *Sed de Saber* (Thirst for Knowledge) to 2,430 Hispanic persons at four sites in Texas. Each participant will be provided with computer access to the *Sed de Saber* curriculum. Participants will be recruited through hospitality employers and referred to the nearest participating One-Stop Career Center for assessment and orientation. Participants will receive mentors and will be referred to supportive services such as transportation, child care, and GED studies as needed.

OUTCOMES:

- 90% Completion
- 70% Retention
- 20% average wage gain for all participants after six months on the job
- 20% of participants will earn a promotion



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